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# S. RES. 217

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 1996

Mrs. KASSEBAUM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

To designate the first Friday in May 1996, as “American Foreign Service Day” in recognition of the men and women who have served or are presently serving in the American Foreign Service, and to honor those in the American Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Whereas the American Foreign Service was established in 1924 and some 11,600 men and women now serve with the foreign affairs agencies of the United States at home and abroad;

Whereas the diplomatic, consular, communications, trade, development, and numerous other functions these men and women perform constitute the first and most cost-effec-

tive line of defense of our Nation by protecting and promoting United States interests abroad;

Whereas the men and women of the American Foreign Service are increasingly exposed to risks and danger to themselves and their families, even in times of peace, and many have died in the service of their country;

Whereas in this uncertain post-Cold War era, an ever-vigilant American Foreign Service remains essential to the strategic, political, and economic well-being of this Nation by strengthening the United States' relations with other countries and promoting a safer, more peaceful world.

Whereas the United States Government's foreign affairs agencies and the American Foreign Service Association have observed Foreign Service Day on the first Friday in May for many years; and

Whereas it is both appropriate and just for the country as a whole to recognize the dedication of the men and women of the American Foreign Service and to honor those who have given their lives in the loyal pursuit of their duties and responsibilities representing the interests of the United States of America and of its citizens: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commend the men and women who have  
3       served or are presently serving in the American For-  
4       eign Service for their dedicated and important serv-  
5       ice to country;

6               (2) honor those in the American Foreign Serv-  
7       ice who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

1           (3) designate the first Friday in May 1996 as  
2        “American Foreign Service Day”.  
3 The President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-  
4 lamation calling upon the people of the United States and  
5 the Federal, State, and local administrators to observe the  
6 day with the appropriate programs, ceremonies, and ac-  
7 tivities.

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